FACTSHEET VOTER REGISTRATION

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

Pursuant to the *Constitution of the State of Hawaii*, Article II, Section 1, a voter registration applicant shall meet the following qualifications:

1. A citizen of the United States

Individuals born in Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands are considered U.S. citizens.

U.S. Nationals, such as individuals born in American Samoa are not normally qualified to vote (unless they are also natural born or a naturalized U.S. citizen).

2. A resident of the State of Hawaii

For voter registration and election purposes, a resident must maintain a residence in the State of Hawaii and intend to make Hawaii their permanent residence at the time of registration.

3. At least eighteen years of age

Be 18 years old by election day to vote.

The Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §11-12 allows an individual who is otherwise qualified to register and is at least sixteen years of age, to pre-register upon satisfactory proof of age and be automatically registered upon reaching age eighteen.

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (OHA) REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with the U.S. Supreme court ruling in <u>Rice v. Cayetano</u>, all registered voters are qualified to vote in OHA elections.

RE-REGISTRATION

Any registered voter, who changes residence from one precinct or county to another, shall notify the clerk and change the registration to the proper precinct or county by the appropriate registration deadline.

Re-registration is required for the following:

- 1. You legally change your name.
- 2. You moved since last election and your residence is now in a different location in the State of Hawaii.
- 3. You changed your mailing address in the State of Hawaii since the last election.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

An "Affidavit on Application for Voter Registration" may be found in/at the following:

- 2003 State Tax Booklet
- City/County Clerk's Offices
- Hawaii State Libraries
- Office of Election's website download format
- Satellite City Halls
- State agencies
- U. S. Post Offices
- Verizon phone directory

The affidavit on Application for Voter Registration is a self-subscribing oath that contains the following information:

- 1. Name
- 2. Social security number
- 3. Date of birth
- 4. Residence, including mailing address
- 5. That the residence stated in the affidavit is not simply because of the person's presence in the State but that the residence was acquired with the intent to make Hawaii the person's legal residence with all the accompanying obligations therein.
- 6. That the person is a citizen

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7. The applicant shall then affix the applicant's signature to the affidavit.

2004 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Primary Election: August 19, 2004 General Election: October 4, 2004

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT ON APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION?

Completed Affidavits on Application for Voter Registration shall be submitted to your City/County Clerk.

City and County of Honolulu 530 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Phone: 523-4293

County of Maui 200 South High Street, Rm. 708 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 Phone: 270-7749 County of Kauai

4396 Rice Street, Rm. 106 Lihue, Hawaii 96766 Phone: 241-6350

County of Hawaii 25 Aupuni Street, Rm. 105 Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 961-8277

CLASS C FELONY

Pursuant to HRS §19-3.5, a person knowingly providing false information on a voter registration affidavit may be guilty of a Class C felony, punishable by up to five (5) years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine.

This Factsheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statues and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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